

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please substitute the Abstract for the Abstract presently in the application:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A tilt steering apparatus for a vehicle includes a lower steering shaft of which the low end is mounted with a steering gear, an upper steering shaft of which the upper end is mounted with a steering wheel. A universal joint joins a top end of the lower steering shaft with a lower end of the upper steering shaft and a lower column member is fixed to a vehicle body to support the lower steering shaft to be moveable. An upper column member supports the upper steering shaft to be moveable and a tilt lock mechanism that tilt locks the upper column member to the lower column member is provided. The tilt lock mechanism includes a fixed gear attached to the lower column member and a moveable gear attached to the upper column member so as to be moveable. A female gear is provided on the upper column member and a feed screw bar is mounted to the female member to lock the moveable gear to the fixed gear by pressing the moveable gear.